

LG attends Amar Ujala's Medhavi Chhatra Samman Samaroh in Srinagar

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday addressed the Medhavi Chhatra Samman Samaroh organized by Amar Ujala Group in Srinagar.

The Lt Governor felicitated the meritorious students of class 10th and 12th and congratulated them for their achievement.

In his address, the Lt Governor highlighted the need to bring reforms in the teaching-learning process in line with the emerging new technologies.

Acceleration in technology, Artificial Intelligence and availability of digital information has transformed the education and we need to focus on future skills that will ensure perfect balance between basic knowledge and applied



Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at felicitation ceremony of meritorious students of class 10th and 12th being organized by Amar Ujala Group in Srinagar.

skills. The Lt Governor called upon the teaching community to play the role of a mentor to the students and underlined the need to redefine the role of a teacher.

A teacher's role should focus more on mentoring rather than delivering information as per curriculum and textbooks.

Teaching should be more engaging and it should encourage critical thinking, creativity, collaboration and curiosity in the students, he said.

"Every student is unique and blessed with natural talent. It is the responsibility of the teachers to discover, nurture and refine their talents. There is urgent need to focus on

creativity and lifelong learning skills," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor shared the significant transformation taking place in education sector under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He also sought the contribution from teaching community in effective implementation of National Education

Policy.

Citing examples of various great personalities, the Lt Governor advised the students to acquire practical knowledge and learn through experience.

He appreciated the Amar Ujala group for their noble initiative to honour and encourage the meritorious students.

Junaid Azim Mattu, Mayor SMC; Dr Darakhshan Andrabi, Chairperson J&K Waqf Board; Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; Alok Kumar, Principal Secretary, School Education Department; Vijay Kumar, ADGP Kashmir; Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Editors and members of Amar Ujala Group, teachers, students and their parents were present.



IT Commissioner (Exemptions), Chandigarh holds outreach programme



Puja Jindal, Commissioner of Income Tax (Exemptions), Chandigarh along with others at outreach programme in Gulmarg.

STATE TIMES NEWS
GULMARG: An outreach programme was conducted at Gulmarg by Puja Jindal, Commissioner of Income Tax (Exemptions), Chandigarh along with Surinder Kaur Waraich Joint CIT(E), Chandigarh; Sahil Singh ACIT(E), Chandigarh and Vikas Sharma and Manoj Kumar Jurisdictional ITOs (E).

It was attended by representatives of various NGOs,

office bearers and members of CA Association and Kashmir Income Tax Bar Association (KITBA) from far flung areas of Kashmir like Anantnag, Baramulla, Budgam, etc.

This was the first outreach programme of exemptions charge in Jammu and Kashmir in the last many years and was well appreciated by the attendees.

In the outreach programme, provisions of

Income Tax Act related to registration, exemption, latest amendments, penal provisions for violation, Supreme Court Judgements etc. with respect to Charitable and Religious entities were explained.

Grievances of assesses related to registrations and refunds along with queries on various procedural and legal issues were also taken up for discussion that were beneficial to the audience.

Priya, Wanchoo inaugurate Mona Beauty Studio

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JAMMU: A new chapter in the beauty and wellness industry has been unveiled with the grand opening of Mona Beauty Studio, located at Residency Road, Jammu.

The inauguration ceremony was graced by former Minister Priya Sethi and Vice President BJP Kashmir Displaced District Chetan Wanchoo, who together inaugurated the state-of-the-art beauty studio.

Priya Sethi congratulated the owner of the salon for establishing a premier beauty destination in the heart of Jammu.

She praised the commitment to quality and affordability that Mona Beauty



Former Minister Priya Sethi and Vice President BJP KDD Chetan Wanchoo inaugurating Mona Beauty Studio.

Studio represents, highlighting the positive impact it will have on the local community.

"It's truly heartening to witness business owners like

her contributing to the growth and prosperity of our local communities. By prioritizing employment for our young citizens, Mona Studio is not only securing a

brighter future for them but also playing a vital role in driving the economic progress of our region," remarked Priya Sethi.

Chetan Wanchoo also expressed his appreciation for the studio's dedication to serving the community with world-class beauty services at affordable prices.

He emphasized that Mona Beauty Studio is not just a salon but a reflection of innovation, entrepreneurship, and a desire to bring positive change to the community.

He further said that Mona Beauty Studio is a modern and fully-equipped salon that boasts the latest technologies in beauty and wellness services. The studio prides itself on its commit-

ment to excellence, ensuring every customer leaves feeling rejuvenated, confident, and pampered.

Sonia Gupta owner of Mona Studio said that one of the standout features of Beauty Studio is its commitment to affordability. With a vision to make premium beauty services accessible to all, the studio offers its services at the most competitive rates in the market. This unique approach ensures that everyone can indulge in self-care without breaking the bank.

She said that opening of Mona Beauty Studio is especially significant for the area, as it fills a gap in the market by providing a comprehensive range of beauty and wellness services.

Mayor Rajinder felicitates Martyrs' families under Meri Maati Mera Desh programme at Ward 20



Jammu Mayor Rajinder Sharma felicitating the families of the martyred soldiers.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) on Sunday organized a special function titled "Meri Maati Mera Desh" at Ward No 20 to felicitate the families of the martyred soldiers. The event aimed to recognize and pay tribute to the sacrifices made by these brave heroes for the nation.

Mayor Rajinder Sharma graced the occasion as the chief guest, while Coporator Rahul Kumar was also pres-

ent. The event witnessed the presence of various esteemed dignitaries including Ward 20 President Satbir Singh, Mahila Morcha Spokesperson Ritika Trehan, Vijay Verma, JMC staff, Assistant Commissioner of Revenue (ACR), Health Officer, and Sanitary staff.

During his address, Mayor Rajinder Sharma expressed his gratitude towards the martyred soldiers and their families for their immense

sacrifice and dedication towards the nation. He emphasized the role of such events in showing solidarity with the families and instilling a sense of pride and patriotism among the citizens of Jammu.

The JMC assured the families of its commitment to ensuring their well-being and acknowledged the immense contribution of their loved ones in safeguarding the country's sovereignty.

Khatana meets with traders community, discusses key concerns

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JAMMU: Member Parliament Rajya Sabha, Ghulam Ali Khatana, on Sunday visited the Chamber House to engage with office bearers, senior members of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI), and representatives from various market associations. The interaction focused on addressing critical issues related to trade, industry, and the general public of the Jammu region. Khatana was welcomed by Arun Gupta, President of CCI.

The participants expressed serious concern over the installation of smart meters and toll tax charged at Thandi Khoi and emphasized the need for reconsideration of both issues on priority. They also appealed for prompt restoration and operationalization of damaged bridge at Tarnah Nallah.

The business community stressed the necessity of extending GST-linked incentives to existing industries for the survival and competitive edge of these industries in a highly com-



Member Parliament Rajya Sabha, Ghulam Ali Khatana speaking at a meeting with traders of Jammu at CCI Bhawan.

petitive market landscape.

They also demanded establishment of vital industries like the Rail Coach Factory and Defense Equipment Manufacturing Factory in Jammu, freight subsidies up to the National Capital.

GST refund and interest subsidy issues were also part of the conversation, underscoring the importance of resolving these matters for smoother business operations.

A forward-looking proposal was brought forth, suggesting the redefinition of "Khad Land" and the formulation of policies to enable commercial and con-

struction activities on these lands.

This step aimed at aligning with the vision of increased investment in the region, as envisioned by the Prime Minister of India.

Additionally, concerns were raised about inflated circle rates set by the government, potentially hindering the establishment of industrial estates. This issue was seen as requiring prompt attention.

The meeting delved into matters of urban development and tourism promotion. The participants urged for the acceleration of the beautification projects for Jammu City Lake and the

River Tawi banks, along with the strategic promotion of tourism in the region, train connectivity of the Jammu-Haridwar route and the introduction of a new super-fast train from Rajasthan, particularly Jaipur, to facilitate pilgrims visiting Mata Vaishno Devi.

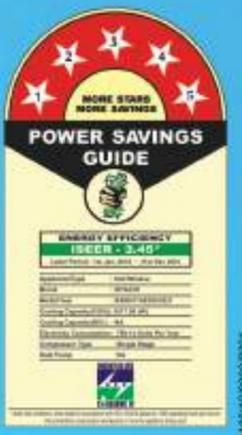
Ghulam Ali Khatana assured the attendees that he had already engaged with the Power Development Department (PDD) regarding excess billing concerns. He expressed optimism that favourable orders would be issued soon.

Addressing the toll plaza issue, he committed to taking up the matter with

NHAI for swift resolution. Regarding the broader concerns raised during the meeting, he pledged to bring these to the attention of the relevant higher authorities for prompt redressal.

The meeting was attended by various prominent figures, including Prithvi Raj Gupta (Former Secretary General CCI), Shiv Partap Gupta, Jagdish Langer, and Ravinder Sawhney (Senior Executive Committee Members), Rajeev Gupta (Junior Vice President CCI), Manish Gupta (Secretary General CCI), and Rajesh Gupta (Secretary and Treasurer CCI).





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